

FISCAL NOTE

SB 884

March 28, 2007

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires general sessions courts to be courts of record.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures* – Exceeds \$6,200,000


Assumptions:

- 147 general sessions courts statewide.
- 26 municipal courts statewide.
- Each general sessions court will need at least one court reporter with an average salary and benefits cost of approximately \$39,000.
 $147 \times \$39,000 = \$5,733,000$
- Each municipal court will need at least one part-time court reporter with an average salary and benefits cost of approximately \$20,000.
 $26 \times \$20,000 = \$520,000$
- The total increase in local government expenditures is:
 $\$5,733,000 + \$520,000 = \$6,253,000$

*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: *no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director